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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Discussions with Dr. Joseph Charyk, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on Friday, 27  
July, relative to NRO Program

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1. Should proceed with the programming of M packages and launch vehicles to permit firing of 1 M per month in CY 1963.

2. Proceed with the J development with the understanding that modifications of the M's will be scheduled in such a way as to insure no losses in M coverage in the event that J program unsuccessful. Proceeding with the J program also dependent on affirmative answer from General Greer that J modification can be effected to provide delayed use capability.

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3. Technical analysis should be made on the realism of the estimates [REDACTED] resolution for L system". NPIC to provide their views. Land and Baker to be asked to evaluate over-all camera and film system. COMOR-NPIC study of various resolutions to be examined to determine value of achievable resolution with L system. If these studies give affirmative results and no other major difficulties appear, L program should proceed with probably increased number of vehicles to insure adequate capability with medium high resolution until [REDACTED] system established. If results of studies are negative, L program should be cancelled.

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4. [REDACTED] COMOR-NPIC study should be reviewed to determine usefulness of slightly increased resolution obtainable with these systems as compared with M. General Greer to be asked to study feasibility of developing dual capsule for [REDACTED]. Following receipt of these studies, the relative usefulness of these 2 systems vis-a-vis the M and each other would be evaluated along with all other factors to determine whether the program should proceed or not.

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5. [REDACTED] unfortunately overly-complicated. Recommend studies

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of feasibility of using [REDACTED] in a water recovery mode. In this connection a generalized study on the relative value of land vs. sea recovery for satellite reconnaissance should be made.

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6. Approved [REDACTED] experiment. Urged that program contain additional experiments leading to long-range improvement. Vulnerability program agreed upon to be very unsatisfactory. Charyk ordered cancellation of Lockheed's study until better proposals are available. Recommended the assignment of a new program director to work on this full time,

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.,

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